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Karanji Lake
Desilting work begins

- Silt being removed after a gap of 15 years
- Works to develop two islands out of five

Earth movers removing silt at Karanji Lake for the development of one of the five islands in the backdrop of cracks and fissures developed on the Lake bed. *[Pic. by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav]*

Mysuru, Apr. 2 (MTY&BCT)- After a gap of 15 years, silt removal is going on in full swing at the picturesque Karanji Lake in the premises of Mysuru Zoo with a couple of earth movers, tippers and tractors involved in the work.

The desilting has been necessitated as the Lake, one of the tourist hot-spots in city, is rapidly going dry. The drying process this year began even before the onset of summer and the Zoo Authority that manages the Lake had stopped boating activity from Feb. 8. Lack of rains last year is being cited as the prime reason for the drop in water level.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* this morning, Zoo Executive Director Ajit M. Kulkarni said that the Zoo Management had taken a decision to desilt the Lake to ensure the presence of water inside the Lake even during summer and whenever there is deficient rain.

"We have commenced desilting and development of islands in a scientific manner. There are over five islands around the Lake and desilting works are being taken up to develop two islands.

"We are undertaking the work on a war-footing and will complete before monsoon sets in. Time permitting, the desilting works will be taken up to develop one more island," he added.

The Zoo Management is taking the guidance of naturalist U.N. Ravikumar, who is also a wetland specialist. "Usually, desilting leaves the earth gaping and we are desilting in such a way that the wetland is retained. We are following a scientific 'drawdown method' where water is retained at the centre and also at the sides of the desilted area," Ajit Kulkarni stated.

The initial estimate for the desilting process is Rs. 9 lakh to Rs. 10 lakh and if rain permits, the works will be extended to other areas of the Lake and here, the budget will increase, he explained. Once the rain starts pouring, the entire area will turn slushy and we cannot do anything, he added.

(See LAKE on page 8)

Congress
manifesto released
Promises jobs, single slab GST etc.

New Delhi, Apr. 2- The Congress this noon released its manifesto titled ***'Congress will deliver'*** for the ensuing Lok Sabha elections.

The manifesto was released in the presence of Sonia Gandhi, former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh, Priyanka Vadra and other leaders.

At the manifesto release, Congress President Rahul Gandhi said, "The manifesto is a massive step for Congress. When we started this process a year back, I told them that this manifesto should reflect the wishes of the people and whatever is present in the document should be truthful."

(See MANIFESTO on page 8)

GTD escapes unhurt

Mysuru, Apr.2 (RK&NNN)-In a minor mishap, Higher Education and District in-Charge Minister G.T. Devegowda (GTD) escaped unhurt when the car in which he was travelling involved in an accident near Columbia Asia Hospital in city this morning.

GTD, accompanied by his son G.D. Harish Gowda, PA Hanumesh and a gunman, was on his way to Mandya when a lorry brushed the left side of his Innova car at the Columbia Asia Ring Road junction at around 9.30 am. Though the vehicle had partially damaged none of the occupants of the car were hurt. Traffic was disrupted for some time and then the Police cleared it. GTD then got into another vehicle and proceeded to Malavalli to campaign for Mandya LS candidate Nikhil Kumaraswamy.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)	
Today	96.19 ft
Inflow	128 cusecs
Outflow	38.54 cusecs

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Heart of the matter
Emotion stumps action

Readers of newspapers, both broadsheets and tabloids, publishing informative and illuminating articles on health issues and also valuable guidelines in capsule form *hinting* which diet protects wellness of the *body* and what hurts the proper functioning of its different organs are beholden to the periodicals. If only a minuscule fraction of the reader mass take note of this Good Samaritan act by the print media while the rest are devouring the printed matter in abundance about the goings on in the worlds of vote-seekers and criminals with popping eyes, it only testifies the sad slide of society from enjoying sound health to suffering illnesses of both body and mind. The number of diseases afflicting the human kind is learnt to have exceeded 1,600 and counting. The doctor fraternity seem to be at their wits end in their daunting work of diagnosing the afflictions and their underlying causes despite advances in diagnostics aided by tools and procedures.

According to Charaka (3rd century BC), who provided the foundation of the practice of medicine, health and disease are *not predetermined* and life may be prolonged by human *effort* and attention to *lifestyle*. He averred that a Physician who fails to enter the body of a patient with the lamp of *knowledge* and understanding can never treat diseases. It is more important to *prevent* the occurrence of disease than to seek a cure, he postulated. That is the heart of the matter of health.

Dr. Henry Gray and Henry Vandyke Carter published *Gray's Anatomy: The Anatomical Basis of Clinical Practice* in 1858, creating the text for their surgical colleagues. The latest revised edition of their work, with the shortened title *Gray's Anatomy*, the 41st, published in Sept. 2015, is considered as the most authoritative text on the subject in English. Although it may sound to be a tall order, all lay people with even a cursory familiarity with English should browse through the nearly 1,200 page text priced at Rs. 2,495 (International students paperback edition) and stand immensely rewarded by getting enlightened about the various organs of the body working 24x7 to keep them going. They are sure to appreciate the human body's exemplary status as a highly organised system unless tampered with.

Of the different organs of the human body, only some of them incorrectly perceived as vital organs, the heart seems to be the most focussed upon with awesome respect, mostly due to the fear of its stopping to beat abruptly. Lack of physical activity, in addition to leading stressful life, are known to be risk factors for this amazing organ. Despite advisory by cardiologists on adhering to disciplined lifestyle, emotion concerning health of the heart seems to stump action prescribed by the healing fraternity.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Why was there a controversy over R. Ashwin's Mankading of Jos Buttler in the current edition of the Indian Premier League? Buttler was given out because he was unlawfully outside his crease. In an era when run-outs are determined by millimetres, Buttler's action was tantamount to cheating. Ashwin was not only within the law, he was also right in doing as he did. But it was reported widely that Ashwin was condemned for following the rule. The kindest thing said about him is that he should have offered Buttler a warning (according to Rahul Dravid and Michael Vaughan, both former batsmen) before running him out. Of course, batters have no obligation to warn or inform bowlers or keepers if they plan to step out of the crease on the next ball to clout it. Why is the bowler obliged to 'warn'? — Aakar Patel in Business Standard

NEWS SPARKLERS

Collection of Harry Potter memorabilia

Neath: A mother of three and a Harry Potter superfan has broken the Guinness World Record for having the largest collection of Wizarding World memorabilia. 39-year-old Victoria Maclean of Neath in South Wales, says it took her 18 years to gather the staggering 3,686 pieces she has in her home.

The memorabilia include her favourite and rarest item - a 24-carat gold-plated golden snitch puzzle from Japan.

Victoria says her obsession with J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter and Fantastic Beasts started when she was 21, when she read the first book from the series, Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone in 2001, four years after it was published.

Since then, she's gone on to collect everything in sight.

Churchill's cigar and top hat found at rubbish tip

London: A top hat and cigar once owned by Sir Winston Churchill have been discovered at a rubbish tip. The items were authenticated by an expert on Antiques Roadshow after they were brought along by a member of the public who worked at the dump.

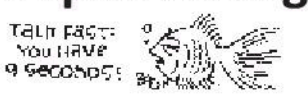
The items, along with a cigar case and letters revealing details of the former prime minister's daily life, have been valued at £10,000.

David Rose, who claimed to have three sheds of salvaged antiques and other artefacts, said: "I've worked there for like 15 years and I get to pull out whatever I like, mostly antiques."

Rose explained how he discovered the cigar and hat along with more than 200 letters written by a mother, who worked as a cook for Winston Churchill.

HEALTH CAPSULE
by Bron Smith

Do humans have a shorter attention span than goldfish?



Goldfish have a short attention span, at only 9 seconds. In a study, the brain activity of 112 individuals was analysed. The results revealed that since the year 2000, when the mobile device revolution began, the attention span of humans has dropped from 12 seconds to 8 seconds, 1 second lower than goldfish.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

Takes charge as IGNOU Regional Director

Mysuru, Apr. 2- **G.H. Imrapur,** popularly known as GHI, took charge as Regional Director of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), Regional Centre, Bengaluru, on Mar.29.

Prior to this, he was the Deputy Director of IGNOU. He also served in various capacities in many places including Jammu & Kashmir as Regional Director of IGNOU apart from working at Karnatak University in Dharwad and University of Mumbai.

He did M.Sc in Statistics from Karnatak University, M.Ed from NCERT's Regional Institute of Education (RIE), M.Phil from Bombay University and M.D. Ed from New Delhi. He was conferred four National and UN International Awards recognising his outstanding services to society. He was also the recipient of three gold medals for his achievement in the field of education.

Hailing from Abbigeri village of Ron Taluk in Gadag district and son of freedom fighter late H.G. Imrapur, he recently donated Rs.10 lakh for flood relief works in Kerala and Karnataka. He also donated another Rs.5 lakh for education of migrants' children.

NCC Mysuru gets new Group Commander

Mysuru, Apr. 2- **Col. P.T. Rajiv** took charge as NCC Group Commander, Mysuru, from Col. M.K. Belliappa, who superannuated on Mar.31, 2019. The Colonel was previously posted in NCC Directorate of Kerala and Lakshwadeep as Director.

Col. Rajiv was commissioned into 14 SIKH Regiment (Infantry) in March 1992. He has participated in many counter insurgency operations against terrorists in Jammu & Kashmir. He has also been involved in *Operation Vijay* (Kargil). The Officer was then side stepped from the Infantry to the Intelligence Corps of the Army where he was responsible for acquisition of Strategic Intelligence. He has thereafter commanded many Intelligence Units. The Officer is a recipient of the General Officer Commanding in Chiefs Commendation and Vice Chief of Army Staff Commendation for exceptional service.

There are eight Battallions under the NCC Group Mysuru including an Air Force and a Naval Unit. NCC Mysuru has around 10,000 Cadets enrolled from different schools and colleges in Mysuru and adjoining Districts.

Really...?

- ***According to various International studies, the world's most popular colour is blue. Based on the survey conducted by several global marketing firms, they've concluded that people worldwide picked blue (40%) as their favourite colour followed by purple (14%). Though some researchers also suggest that red and green are a close second and third respectively, white, orange and yellow are some of the least favourite colours.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Dad came into his son's room and said...
Dad: *Son, give me your mobile for a minute.*
Son: *Wait dad, let me switch it on. Girlfriend picture delete, girls number list delete. Phone call received delete, delete, delete, delete, memory card format. Phone completely reset.* ***Son:*** *Here it is, dad.*
Dad: *Thanks, I just want to see the time.* ***Son:*** *Daaad !!*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 69.31
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 90.59
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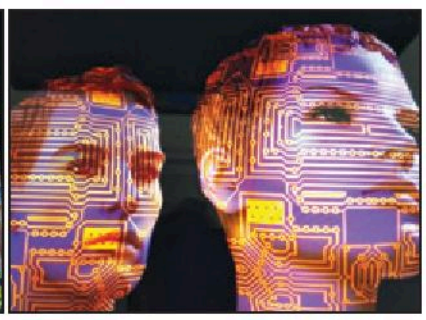
1 Euro	= Rs. 77.64

VOICE OF THE READER

More on 'Artificial Intelligence' as subject in Schools, Colleges



Sir,

This has reference to the news item '*Introduce Artificial Intelligence in Schools and Colleges*' (*SOM* dated Mar.24), a suggestion given by Prof. Sargur N. Srihari. His opinion was that 'New kinds of work force would emerge in the market, hence there is an urgent need to introduce AI in Schools and Colleges in India to prepare future generations to face the challenges.'

In this direction, the CBSE has taken the right step as reported in *The Hindu* dated Mar. 24, 2019 *(see pic.)*. The Board states that, this is done "TO ENHANCE THE MULTI-DISCIPLINARY APPROACH in teaching learning and also sensitise the new generation." **I appreciate the plan by CBSE of introducing AI as an optional (6th) subject, with a declared incentive.**

That is "in case a student fails in any one of the three elective subjects (Science, Maths and Social Sciences), then it will be replaced by the skill subject, offered as a sixth subject and the result of class X will be computed based on best five subjects." A definite advantage even to an average student. Prof. Srihari's suggestion is not only appropriate but right on time.

This is the need of the day in school curriculum, because AI uses different fields like Computer Science, Maths, Linguistics, Psychology, Neuroscience and Philosophy in its various manifestations. What is already a fact is the use of cognitive intelligence, emotional intelligence, social intelligence, and very importantly 'DECISION MAKING' using all these skills. Very simply AI is an area of Computer Science that emphasises the creation of intelligent machines which can think and work like humans. The tools used are 'sight, sound and touch' which will allow an interaction, conversation and communication, as natural as between two human beings.

AI is effectively used in Space exploration, Mining, Smartphones, Fraud detection to name some. May be, as always with the advance of technology we face challenges that are concerned with Finance, Labour (unemployment) and, of course, moral and ethical. You can't blame Science for your greed and insensitivity. So discretion, kindness, love and forgiveness will always be in demand, but SHOULD be in command.

— Prof. K.V. Satyan
V.V. Mohalla 28.3.2019

Bags Gold Medal

Archana C. Gajbhiye, wife of Vinay Shinde, RBI Note Press, seen receiving two Gold Medals from Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, University of Mysore (UoM), for securing highest marks in M.A. Hindi at the recently held 99th Annual Convocation of UoM.

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Prof. Rangappa takes charge as Indian Science Congress General President

Bags cent per cent votes; creates history in 107-year-old organisation

Former University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. K.S. Rangappa** (centre), **who was elected as General President of 107th Indian Science Congress Association (ISCA), seen with the office-bearers and outgoing General President Prof. Manojkumar at the ISCA Office in Kolkata yesterday.

Mysuru, Apr.2 (RKB&NNN)- Former University of Mysore and KSOU Vice-Chancellor Prof. K.S. Rangapa took charge as the new Indian Science Congress Association (ISCA) General President for the year 2019-20 at Kolkata yesterday.

On the occasion, many members of ISCA and renowned scientists were present to greet and wish Prof. Rangappa's success.

He will be in charge as the General President from 1.4.2019 to 31.3.2020. At the ISCA General Body Meeting held in Manipur's capital Imphal on 15.3.2018, Prof. Rangappa was elected General President.

The election to the General President's post of ISCA was held earlier, which has an All India Membership base. The counting was held on Mar. 15, 2018. Then retired Professor of Organic Chemistry of University of Mysore Prof. Rangappa had been elected by a record margin of votes.

In all, 59 members cast their votes to elect the ISCA General President. Out of them two were invalid votes. All the remaining 57 votes went in favour of Prof. Rangappa. As a result, Prof. Rangappa has the unique distinction of being the first General President in the 107-year-old history of ISCA to bag hundred per cent votes.

Very distinguished scientists like Prof. U.R. Rao, Dr. Kasturirangan, Prof. C.N.R. Rao, have been General Presidents of ISCA. Now, once again a scientist from Karnataka and the first General President from Mysuru has been elected which has brought joy to people of Karnataka and Mysuru city.

Azim Premji Foundation provides career opportunities

Mysuru, Apr. 2- Azim Premji Foundation, a not-for-profit organisation, provides opportunities for those with a passion for social change and deep interest in education. Opportunities exist for candidates to join the Foundation as Associates, School Teachers or Teacher Educators.

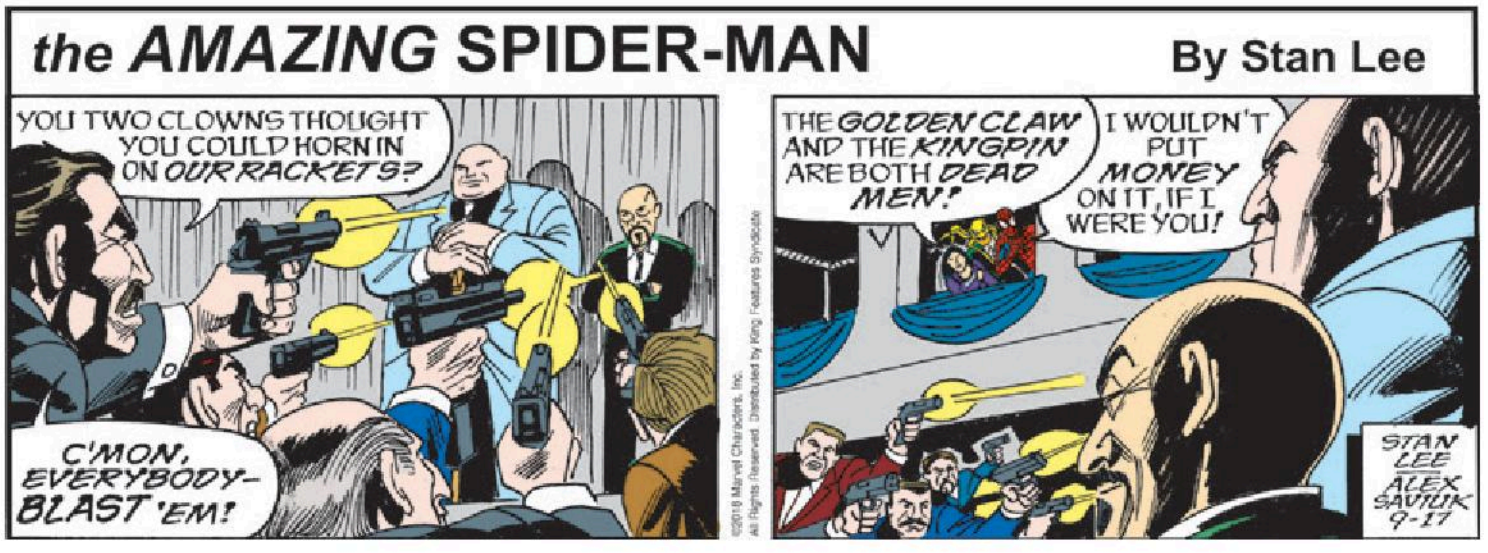
Larger work of the Foundation is around capacity enhancement of Government School teachers. Graduates or Post-Graduates with good understanding of their subject and a minimum of 2 years teaching experience can apply as Teacher Educators, in the District Institutes of the Azim Premji Foundation.

They will work with Government School teachers, helping them build their professional abilities and become better teachers in School Education and Early Childhood Education.

The Foundation has established eight demonstration schools. These are located in Dhamtari (Chhattisgarh), Sirohi and Tonk (Rajasthan), Uttarkashi and Udham Singh Nagar (Uttarakhand) and Yadgir (Karnataka) and proposed schools at Barmer (Rajasthan) and Kalaburagi (Karnataka). Anyone with deep interest to work with children and having a teaching degree can apply.

Opportunities also exist for fresh Post-Graduates with fluency in local language. One year Associate Programme enables them to get immersed in the realities of education in Government Schools in rural India and be prepared to work with teachers after one year.

Applications for Associate's role are open till Apr.15. Students who passed out in 2018 or expected to complete PG in 2019 are eligible to apply. Minimum compensation for the above roles is Rs.29,000 per month, said Saurabh Chauhan, Leader - Field Recruitment, Azim Premji Foundation. For more information visit: *www.azimpremjifoundation.org/career-list for Teacher and Teacher Educator roles.* For Associates, aspirants can refer: *www.azimpremjifoundation.org/campus.*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By Stan Lee
YOU TWO CLOWNS THOUGHT YOU COULD HORN IN ON OUR RACKETS?
C'MON, EVERYBODY- BLAST 'EM!
THE GOLDEN CLAW AND THE KINGPIN ARE BOTH DEAD MEN!
I WOULDN'T PUT MONEY ON IT, IF I WERE YOU!
STAN LEE
ALEX SAVIUK
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Nikhil urges farmers to give him opportunity to work for them

Conducts road shows at various villages of K.R. Pet Assembly segment

K.R. Pet, Apr. 2- Stating that he would work for the upliftment of farmers like his father Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy and grandfather H.D. Deve Gowda, coalition candidate from Mandya Lok Sabha constituency Nikhil Kumaraswamy urged the voters to give him a chance to represent them in the Parliament besides to work for their betterment.

He was addressing a large gathering of people after conducting road shows at Sarangi village in Santhebachahalli hobli, Kaigonahalli, Ranganathapura Cross, Bharathipura Cross Gram Panchayat Centre and villages of Kikkeri hobli in K.R. Pet taluk yesterday.

Stating that the State Government had sanctioned Rs.212 crore for Santhebachahalli Lift Irrigation Project, he said that the government authorities had floated tender for implementation of this work. Water will be released from Hemavathi Reservoir to fill water to lakes of Santhebachhalli

hobli under this project.

Nikhil also assured the voters that he would strive hard for the development of the region and ensuring electrification, better roads and other basic facilities. He asked the voters to elect him to the Parliament with a huge margin to upheld the dignity, pride and self respect of the people of Mandya.

Earlier, a rousing welcome was given to Nikhil Kumaraswamy with people showering flower petals on him, conducting bike rallies and taking him in a procession accompanied with folk troupe.

My father is my Star Campaigner: Nikhil said that he would not bring cine stars for campaigning in this election and not misuse the popularity of them. "My father Chief Minister H.D.Kumaraswamy is my star campaigner and my party activists are my soldiers who will take me to victory", he said.

He also met Congress ZP Member Kodimaranahalli Devaraju at his residence and appealed him with folded hands to canvass for him .

MLAs Dr. K.C. Narayanagowda and C.N. Balakrishna, ZP Agriculture and Industries Standing Committee Chairman H.T. Manju, ZP Vice- President Gayathri Revanna, Taluk JD(S) President Venkataswamygowda and others were present.

Nikhil nomination row

FIR registered against two videographers

Mandya, Apr. 2 (Nagaiah&KS)- The District Election Officer has registered a complaint against two videographers on charges of dereliction of duty and negligence during the filing of nomination by Mandya LS coalition candidate Nikhil Kumaraswamy.

Complaints have been lodged against videographers Madhuchandra and Ramakrishna at Mandya West Police Station.

The Police, following the complaint by District Election Officer, have registered FIR under IPC Section 406 and 420 against the two videographers.

H.D. Deve Gowda, Siddharamaiah to campaign jointly from Apr. 9

Bengaluru, Apr. 2 (KMS&SR)- Former Prime Minister and JD(S) supremo H.D. Deve Gowda (HDD) and the former Chief Minister Siddharamaiah will undertake joint campaigning from Apr. 9 to 13 in various Parliamentary Constituencies across the State to ensure the victory of coalition candidates.

They will be taking up joint campaigning to sort out the differences between Congress and JD(S) leaders in order to make them work together so that the alliance candidates win maximum seats in old Mysuru region. The two leaders have decided to hold joint campaigns in Mysuru, Hassan, Mandya, Tumakuru and in Bengaluru from Apr. 9.

The duo will kick-start their joint tour from Mysuru on Apr.9, followed by Tumakuru, from where HDD is contesting on Apr. 10 and will later tour the entire parliamentary segment.

They will campaign at Arkalgud, Hassan, Arasikere and Kadur region on Apr. 11 and Mandya on Apr.12 where Chief Minister's son Nikhil taking on BJP supported Independent candidate Sumalatha Ambarish. The duo will conduct the road shows at various villages at K.R.

Nagar, K.R. Pet, Nagamangala and Malavalli for the entire day.

They will also canvass together at a few places in Bengaluru South and North on Apr 13.

Both the leaders will work together following the directions from All Indian Congress Committee (AICC) President Rahul Gandhi to defeat the BJP in all 28 Constituencies.

They appealed workers and leaders of the two parties to "forget the past, and look forward for a bigger cause."

HDD and Siddharamaiah have come together to make the most of their hold on old Mysuru region, consolidate the votes of Vokkaliga and Kuruba vote bank and to emerge as a formidable force

Deve Gowda and Siddharamaiah are making efforts to revive their past as they had split on cast lines in the last 25 years.

In fact, the 2018 Assembly results where JD(S) managed to get a majority in Vokkaliga belt is termed as a vote against Siddharamaiah rather than that of the Congress.

The Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (KPCC) has organised this tour after discussing with former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda.

On request from Congress leaders, Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy is campaigning for Congress candidates in Chitradurga today and Bidar tomorrow.

Speaker accepts Umesh Jadhav's resignation

Umesh Jadhav

Bengaluru, Apr. 2- Nearly a month after Chincholi Congress MLA Umesh Jadhav tendered his resignation, Assembly Speaker K.R. Ramesh Kumar, on Monday, accepted the resignation, clearing the decks for Umesh Jadhav to contest as the BJP candidate against Congress veteran Mallikarjun Kharge in Kalaburagi (SC) LS seat.

Ramesh Kumar said he was convinced to accept Jadhav's resignation as it was as per the format prescribed under Rule 202 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Karnataka Legislative Assembly and he had submitted his explanation in a certified manner.

Jadhav, who was elected on Congress ticket from Chincholi Assembly segment in Kalaburagi district in last year's Assembly polls, resigned on Mar. 4.

He later joined the BJP and was declared as the saffron party's candidate to take on Mallikarjun Kharge in Kalaburgi (SC) Lok Sabha seat.

I-T officials raid house of chicken trader

Raid conducted on suspicion of cash hoarding

Pandavapura, Apr. 2 (KS)- The Income Tax (I-T) officials, on Sunday, have raided the house of a chicken trader at Jakkanahalli in the taluk on suspicion that the trader was hoarding cash.

About six I-T officials conducted the raid on the house of chicken trader Ravi, who is also a JD(S) leader at 2 pm and examined various documents till 9 pm.

Ravi runs a fruit and chicken shop at Jakkanahalli and is also a chicken distributor. Suspecting that Ravi may be hoarding cash for the election, the I-T officials are said to have raided his house.

During the raid, the I-T officials found Rs. 10 lakh cash for which Ravi gave documents for Rs. 5 lakh.

As there were no documents for Rs. 5 lakh cash, the I-T officials have seized the cash and have asked Ravi to produce documents for the same besides instructing him to come to Mysuru on Wednesday.

Liquor on its way to Wayanad seized near Virajpet, 2 held

Virajpet, Apr.2 (PS&DM)- In a major seizure ahead of Lok Sabha Polls, Poll Officials this morning seized a goods vehicle (LMV) in which over 250 boxes of country made liquor worth about Rs.28 lakh was reportedly being transported from Maharashtra to Kerala without proper documents.

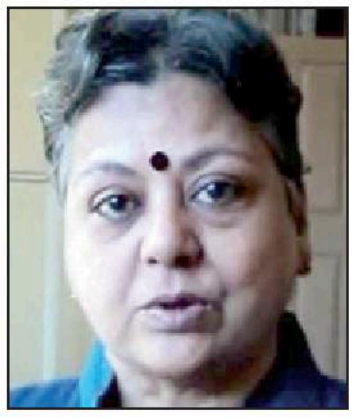
Officials attached to the Flying Squad and the Excise Department were on a routine check at Perumbadi Gate on Virajpet Makutta Road in the early hours of this morning, when they intercepted an Eicher goods vehicle.

Upon inspection, the officials found boxes of liquor without proper supporting transport documents, following which the vehicle was seized.

The liquor consignment said to be despatched from Maharashtra, was to be delivered at Wayanad in Kerala.

The driver and cleaner of the vehicle were questioned and later arrested, it is learnt.

Theatre artiste passes away



S. Malathi

Shivamogga, Apr.2 (US)- Veteran theatre artiste and writer S. Malathi (66), passed away at a private hospital in Manipal yesterday.

Malathi, an alumnus of National School of Drama (NSD), New Delhi, has translated many English plays and has acted in over 100 plays.

She had also directed several plays including *Kerege Hara, Yayathi* and *Hayavadana.* She had acted in a few movies too.

Malathi was staying in Sagar for the last two decades and had set up Prajnaranga troupe which was actively involved in theatre activities.

She had won the annual award instituted by 'Chandana' TV channel and other awards.

The last rites were performed in Sagar yesterday evening.

Tributes: Rangayana Director Bhagirathibai Kadam has expressed grief over the passing away of Malathi. She said that Malathi was an inspiration for women for her motivational roles in plays and also as a Director, writer and critic. Theatre has suffered a big loss, she added.

MLA Harathalu Halappa, former Minister Kagodu Thimmappa and others have also condoled the death of Malathi.

Couple commits suicide at Madikeri

Madikeri, Apr.2 (KS)- Quarrel for petty reasons has led to a couple commit suicide by hanging selves at their house near A.V. School near Pampina Kere here in Kodagu.

The deceased are **Chethan** (34), a Maths teacher at a private Kannada Medium Aided School and **Vani** (27).

Details: A native of Tiptur, Chethan had married Vani of Tumakuru about four years ago and had a three-year-old child.

Sometime ago, the couple had quarrelled for petty reasons and the family members of Chethan and Vani had solved the issue, it is learnt.

Yesterday afternoon, Vani, who called her parents over the phone, informed them that she was ending her life and her parents in-turn called Chethan and informed the matter.

Chethan, who immediately rushed home, found Vani hanging using a saree. Chethan then cut the saree and placed the body of Vani on the bed. He later went out of the house and brought the plastic wire which was being used to dry clothes and hung himself, it is learnt.

But before taking the extreme step, Chethan called his parents over the phone and informed them about what had happened besides telling them he too was committing suicide. His parents immediately informed the matter to Madikeri City Police. But by the time the Police arrived, the couple had ended their lives. The couple's child was found playing in the neighbour's house.

Inspector Shanmuga and staff conducted mahazar besides registering a case.

Teenage girl goes missing

Soundarya

Hunsur, Apr.2 (KK&KS)- A 16-year-old girl, belonging to Dongri Gerasiya tribe at Mangaluru Mala village, Hanagodu hobli in the taluk, has gone missing since Mar.8.

The missing girl is Soundarya, daughter of Bhagavantha and Radhabai couple. She left her house on Mar.8 and has not returned since then and her parents have lodged a complaint at Hunsur Rural Police Station on Mar.28.

Soundarya speaks Kannada, Hindi and Marati and was wearing a red coloured chudidhar at the time of going missing.

Those having any information about the missing girl may contact Hunsur Rural Police Station or call Ph: 0822-252042/ 252044/ 252133 or Mob: 94808-05056, according to Sub-Inspector Shivaprakash.

Man found hanging

Hunsur, Apr.2 (KK)- A body of a 40-year-old man was found hanging at Kodi Malleshwaraswamy Temple premises in Bilikere in a suspicious manner.

The deceased is Mahadeva (40), son of Mahadevanayaka and a resident of Kumarabeedu, Yelwal hobli in the taluk.

Mahadeva, who had left his house 10 years ago, had married a Dalit girl from Kammarahalli and was staying in Kodagu.

He used to come to his parents' house quiet often but his parents were not entertaining him as he had married against their wishes, it is learnt. But on Sunday night, he was found hanging.

Bilikere Police SI M. Nayak and staff, who rushed to the spot, conducted mahazar, registered a case and shifted the body for post-mortem and later handed over the body to his family members.

Circle Inspector Shivakumar visited the spot.

Obituary

Ravindra Shenoy

Mysuru, Apr.2- Ravindra Shenoy (60), son of Parthasarathy and a resident of Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, passed away last night following heart attack.

A native of Thirthahalli, he leaves behind his wife and two sons. Last rites were performed at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam here this afternoon.

T. Krishna Rao

T. Krishna Rao (73), former employee of University of Mysore and a resident of Ramakrishna Nagar here, passed away yesterday at Bengaluru following brief illness.

He leaves behind his wife, son Kumar (employee of General Motors, Melbourne, Australia now at HANDI in Vietnam) and daughter Rani (Professor of Computer Science at Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Mumbai). Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday.

Syed Mahmood

Syed Mahmood (75), former Jawa factory employee and a resident of Kalyangiri, passed away yesterday at a private hospital following brief illness.

He leaves behind two sons and two daughters. Namaz-e-Janaza was offered after Namaz-e-Zohar this afternoon at Masjid-e-Azam in Lashkar Mohalla, followed by burial at Muslim Burial Grounds near Tipu Circle.

Yajaman Rachaiah

Hunsur: Yajaman Rachaiah (85), a resident of Kalkunike Medar Street, passed away yesterday. He leaves behind four daughters and two sons.

Last rites were performed at Chirashanthidhama here.

T.H. Mallesh

Nanjangud: Mallesh (69), senior Congress leader, former Town Municipal Council Member and a resident of Chamalapura Road, passed away at a private hospital in Mysuru. He leaves behind his wife and two daughters. Last rites were performed in the town last evening.

Two arrested for attempting to rape minor girls

Mysuru, Apr.2 (RK&KS)- N.R. Police, on Sunday, have arrested two persons on charges of attempt to rape minor girls.

The arrested are 30-year-old Kaizer and 53-year-old Jaishivamadeva, both residents of Subashnagar in city.

It is alleged that, Jaishivamadeva, on Saturday lured two minor girls, who were playing in front of the house, to a park, where he tried to rape them, Kaizer, who saw the incident, threatened Jaishivamadeva and chased him away.

But Kaizer, later blackmailed the girls and attempted to rape them. Members of the public, who came to know about this, caught hold of Kaizer and handed him over to N.R. Police.

Based on the written complaint by the parents of the girls, N.R. Police, who registered a case in this regard, arrested the accused and produced them before the Magistrate, who remanded them to Judicial custody, according to the Police.

We need to get our India back

Point of VIEW

T.J.S. George

Politicians big and small have commented variously on democracy. But the most perceptive observation came from an Anglican priest-turned-Cambridge-professor named W.R. Inge. "Democracy," he said, "is only an experiment in government, and it has the obvious disadvantage of merely counting the votes instead of weighing them."

What a world of difference there is between counting and weighing. India's plight is evidence enough. As many as 1,580 people involved in criminal cases sit in our current Parliament and State Legislatures because all that matters is mere counting of votes. Criminals lodged in prison have fought and won elections in UP-Bihar; a Police Officer who had prepared a list of cases including murder against a mafia leader-turned-Minister was shot dead; eleven MPs were caught in 2005 taking bribe for asking questions in Parliament — all because riff-raff gets to the top when counting alone matters.

Suppose someone invents a system of weighing votes instead of just counting them. Even to suppose this is not easy considering the political conditions in our country today. Regionalism, casteism and cronyism, the criteria that govern our lives, won't allow the weighing of merit. This was picturesquely described by Congress leader Jairam Ramesh when he said not long ago: "I will not make it in politics because I am Brahmin, I am South Indian, I am good-looking, and I am brilliant."

To a limited extent the last handicap helped him get over the other handicaps. But hurdles to making it in India are numerous. Nevertheless, we can still dream. Suppose a system emerges in our dream where the count of values matters more than the count of votes, where merit decides things, where those who have brought real progress to the country through their work get precedence over those who trade in politics — then democracy may cease to be only an experiment and become a model.

The advantage of being in the dream mode is that we can dream big. Dream of a Parliament that will be filled with a class of Indians who have brought prestige to India through skill and dedication — Anand Mahindra, Deepak Parekh, Azim Premji, Sudha Murty, Narayana Murthy, Subroto Bagchi. And also Raghuram Rajan, Gita Gopinath, Sunder Pichai, Satya Nadella, Kaushik Basu. And also Jean Dreze, Pankaj Mishra, Manu S. Pillai, Patrick French, Gautam Bhatia. And also Anita Desai, Shashi Deshpande, K.R. Meera, Girish Karnad, T.M. Krishna. And also Indra Nooyi, Padmasree Warrier, Mira Nair, Arundhati Nag, Revathi.

Just imagining them as MPs is thrilling. How blessed our country is with talent. And how bereft of talent our Parliament is. In the current list how many MPs actually deserve to be MPs? Arun Jaitley does. Parliament would be poorer without his intellectual brilliance. It will be poorer without the intelligence of Nitin Gadkari. It will be poorer without the cerebral brightness of Shashi Tharoor. It will be poorer without Manmohan Singh, however miserly he is with words. It will be poorer without Kapil Sibal, an MA in History, an LLB and an alumnus of Harvard Law School.

Alas, the number of people in Parliament who make us proud is tiny compared to the number of those who make us ashamed. Only in an India driven by the politics of communal polarisation would strange individuals like Sakshi Maharaj and Niranjana Jyoti and Giriraj Singh become Members of Parliament. What does a "movement" like Mayawati actually signify? All we got from her reign in UP was a landscape of elephants. A person who identifies the destiny of a great country like India with her private ego now wants to be the Prime Minister. What does the sum of Smriti Irani add up in the totality of India? What can Kummanam Rajasekharan contribute to the substance and image of India? He is the candidate the BJP has put up to defeat Shashi Tharoor. If he wins, can he do for India what Tharoor does beyond party politics? It will be a case of BJP's win amounting to India's loss. There are national interests that must supersede party interests.

But we live in an age where national interests are discarded — often arrogantly — to promote narrow political interests. In any other age it would have been unthinkable for Air India to issue boarding passes with the Prime Minister's photo on it. Domestic airlines were instructed in February to issue leaflets to passengers describing the achievements of the BJP government. This is politics gone bizarre. This is taking the citizen for a fool. This is India hijacked. Can't we get our India back?

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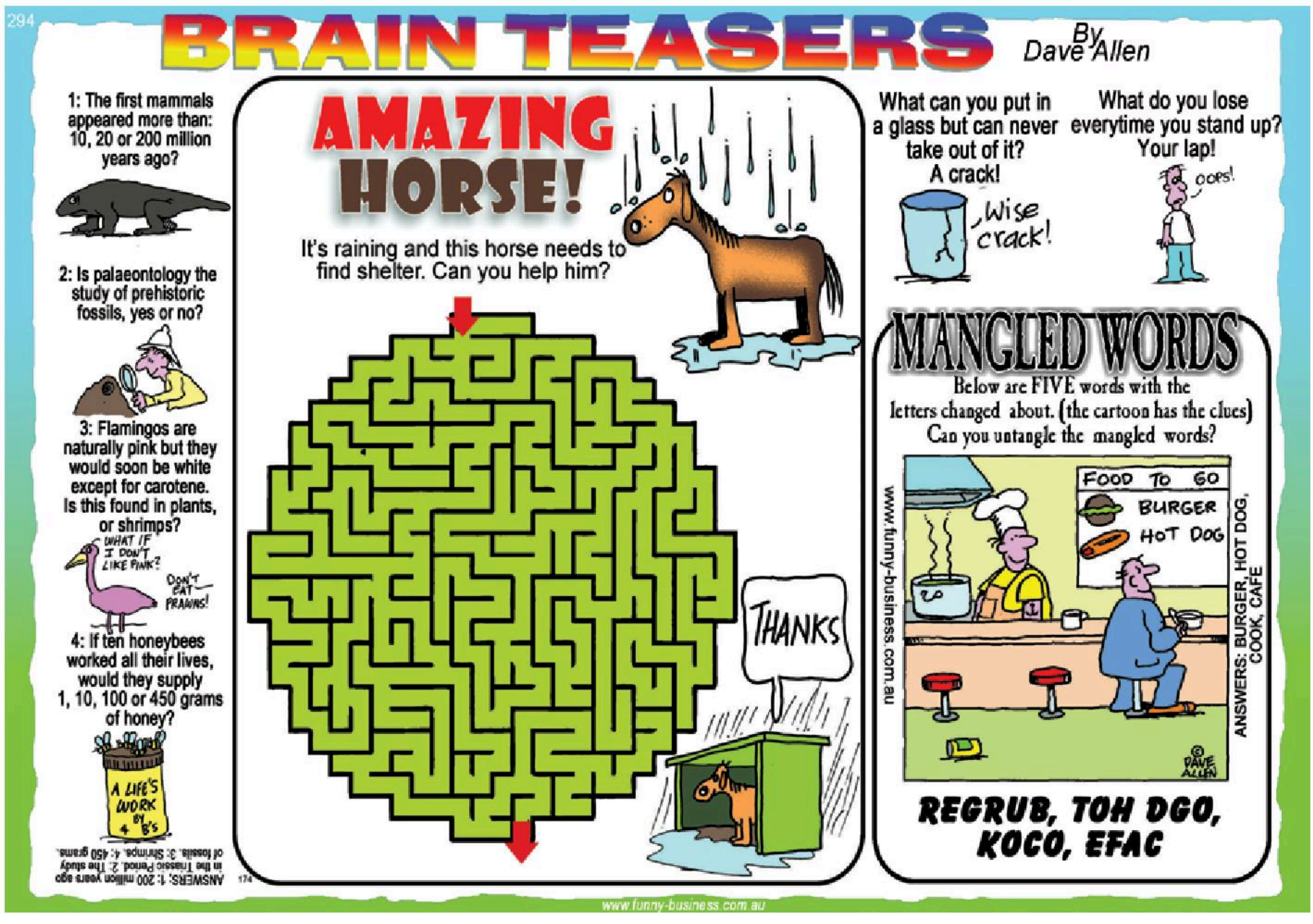
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BRAIN TEASERS
By Dave Allen
1: The first mammals appeared more than: 10, 20 or 200 million years ago?
2: Is palaeontology the study of prehistoric fossils, yes or no?
3: Flamingos are naturally pink but they would soon be white except for carotene. Is this found in plants, or shrimps?
WHAT IF I DON'T LIKE PINK?
DON'T EAT PRAWNS!
4: If ten honeybees worked all their lives, would they supply 1, 10, 100 or 450 grams of honey?
A LIFE'S WORK BY 4 B's
ANSWERS: 1: 200 million years ago in the Tiassic Period. 2: The study of fossils. 3: Shrimps. 4: 450 grams.
AMAZING HORSE!
It's raining and this horse needs to find shelter. Can you help him?
THANKS
What can you put in a glass but can never take out of it? A crack!
Wise crack!
What do you lose everytime you stand up? Your lap!
oops!
MANGLED WORDS
Below are FIVE words with the letters changed about. (the cartoon has the clues) Can you untangle the mangled words?
FOOD TO GO
BURGER
HOT DOG
ANSWERS: BURGER, HOT DOG, COOK, CAFE
REGRUB, TOH DGO, KOCO, EFAC
www.funny-business.com.au

Poll Expenditure Observers hold meeting

Election Expenditure Observers Suresh Kumar Gupta and Sandeep Kumar Mishra holding a meeting with candidates and Election Officers at the Deputy Commissioner's Office here yesterday. DC Abhiram G. Sankar, ZP CEO K. Jyothi, District Assistant Election Officer G. Anuradha and others were present.

Mysuru, Apr. 2 (US) - Election Expenditure Observers for Mysuru Lok Sabha Constituency Suresh Kumar Gupta and Sandeep Kumar Mishra held a meeting with candidates and Election Officers regarding election expenditure at the DC's Office here yesterday.

DC Abhiram G. Sankar, present at the meeting, said that the documents of candidates would be scrutinised on three days from today (on Apr. 2, 9 and 16). The candidates should provide their bank account details and expenditure incurred during campaigning. He said that each candidate is allowed to spend up to Rs. 70 lakh and added that all the expenditure should be done through the bank account, details of which are provided to the Election Commission and not from any other account.

The DC added that the scrutiny of documents of the candidates would be done today, on Apr. 9 and 16 from 10 am to 5 pm at DC's Office.

Referring to campaigning, the DC asked the candidates not to campaign near places of worship and not to utilise children for canvassing. He further said that prior permission was needed to campaign through TV or mobile network.

Observers keep close tab on election campaigning

Mysuru, Apr.2 (RK&US)- With Lok Sabha poll fever becoming hotter and hotter every day, Poll Expenditure Observers have begun to closely monitor the expenditure of the candidates.

Now a straight fight between BJP candidate Pratap Simha and coalition candidate C.H. Vijayashankar looks imminent with both the candidates extensively campaigning in Mysuru and Kodagu regions.

A single window counter *'Suvidya'* has been opened at the DC's Office where political parties and candidates should take prior permission to print election posters, handbills and other materials.

If the poll expenditure crosses the stipulated limit of Rs. 70 lakh, the candidate would be served a written notice by the Observers.

A close tab is also being kept on lavish parties and marriage functions being attended by political leaders.

Centre has sanctioned many projects

for comprehensive development of Mysuru: MP

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha seen lighting the lamp to inaugurate** Sneha Milana, **an interaction meet with IT-BT employees organised at Kodava Samaja in Vijayanagar here on Sunday last. Others seen are Corporator M. U. Subbaiah, BJP leader N.V. Phaneesh, Samaja's senior member I. Parvathy Cariappa and BJP Yuva Morcha State Vice-President Bhavani Rao More. Picture right shows Pratap Simha interacting with participants.

Mysuru, Apr.2 (SBD&DM)- The Centre has sanctioned many projects for overall development of Mysuru, said Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha.

He was speaking at 'Sneha Milana,' an interaction meet with IT-BT employees organised at Kodava Samaja Hall in Vijayanagar here on Sunday.

Pointing out that when he was announced as the BJP candidate from Mysuru-Kodagu for the 2014 LS polls, he was wondering why Mysuru had not matched cities such as Pune in terms of development despite having vast resources. Simha said he has prioritised better road, rail, and air connectivity for the city so that Mysuru can become a hub of commercial activities.

Highlighting his achievements as an MP over the past five years, he said that Mysuru-Bengaluru double-track completion, electrification of Mysuru-Bengaluru Railway track, introduction of six new trains between Mysuru and Bengaluru, Mysuru-Kushalnagar Railway line, Satellite Railway Terminal at Naganahalli on Mysuru-Bengaluru section, conversion of Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway into a 10-lane road, air connectivity with cities such as Chennai, Kochi, Hyderabad, Goa, Belagavi and Bengaluru, setting up of Passport Seva Kendra, development of Chamundi Hill under 'PRASAD' scheme, Hinkal flyover, bringing the Ring Road under National Highways Authority of India for better maintenance and many other such projects were his contributions.

Maintaining that he has worked honestly and efficiently as an MP under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, Simha said Mysuru has every opportunity to grow as a global city and he is working in that direction.

Noting that 32 lakh tourists visit Mysuru annually, the MP stressed on the need for tapping the tourism potential so that the city can become a global tourism hub. Emphasising on the need for re-electing PM Modi, Simha appealed for his re-election as well so that he gets one more opportunity to work under Narendra Modi.

BJP leader N. V. Phaneesh said that Prime Minister Modi has kept his promise of clean administration.

Stating that MP Pratap Simha has brought projects worth Rs. 13,000 crore for comprehensive development of Mysuru-Kodagu LS Constituency, Phaneesh maintained Simha was no commission agent and had worked sincerely as an MP and as such the party was seeking votes based on the achievements of the MP.

Underlining the need for re-election of Modi as PM in the better interest of the country, he expressed full confidence that PM Modi and Simha would be re-elected in the LS polls. He further said that Modi has brought hope to crores of Indians who were looking for a credible leadership.

Corporator M.U. Subbaiah said that Pratap Simha, who was an unknown candidate here five years ago, surprised everyone by defeating the then sitting Congress MP, a veteran politician.

Claiming that Pratap Simha has earned confidence of the voters through hard work and commitment, Subbaiah maintained that the influence of PM Modi has only grown bigger with even those who had opposed him earlier vouching for him now. Stressing on the need for every eligible voter to exercise their franchise in the interest and spirit of democracy, he expressed confidence that Simha would win by a bigger margin this time.

MLA Nagendra said that PM Modi has provided a model government through good and clean governance.

Listing out the achievements of Pratap Simha as MP, Nagendra assured that the Chamaraja Assembly segment, which he represents, will fetch the biggest number of votes for the BJP candidate in the LS polls.

BJP Yuva Morcha State Vice-President Bhavani Rao More, the convenor of the meet Chetan Halesh and others were present on the occasion.

Felicitation to retired officers marks Police Flag Day in city

Some of the retired Police Officials who were honoured at the Police Flag Day celebrations at the CAR Grounds in city this morning are seen with (standing from left) Mysuru SP Amith Singh, Police Commissioner K.T. Balakrishna, KPA Director Vipul Kumar, retired DCP M.M. Mahadevaiah, IGP (Southern Range) Umesh Kumar, Police Training School Principal Dharanidevi Malagatti and DCP M. Muthuraj.

Mysuru, Apr.2 (RK&NNN)-The Unification of Karnataka, which had no defined borders before independence, occurred in 1956 and the various Police Platoons came under one wing of the State Police in 1962. Before that, the Karnataka Police Manual was made in 1960 and Karnataka Police Act in 1963, said retired Deputy Commissioner of Police M.M. Mahadevaiah.

He was speaking after receiving the guard of honour at the annual Police Flag Day celebrations organised jointly by the Mysuru City Police, Mounted Police, Karnataka Police Academy (KPA), Mysuru District Police, KSRP 5th Battalion and Police Training School at the CAR Grounds near the foot of Chamundi Hill here this morning.

The Police Flag Day is celebrated every year on Apr.2 to raise funds for the benefit of retired Police officials, he said.

Placing a few demands before the Police authorities, Mahadevaiah said that just like in the Army, there must be three percent reservation in the Police force for the children and relatives of the Police and also jobs for retired Police officials. In the Police Welfare Fund there must be facility created for reimbursement of medical expenses and other facilities.

He also asked the officials and staff to bring to the notice of the higher authorities when they faced any problems and then advised them to behave cordially with the public as the Police also come from the same society as the common man.

Mysuru City Police Commissioner K.T. Balakrishna pinned the Police Flag on Mahadevaiah.

IGP (Southern Range) Umesh Kumar, KPA Director Vipul Kumar, SP Amit Singh, KPA Deputy Director and Principal of Police Training School Dharanidevi Malagatti, DCP M. Muthuraj and other officials were present.

On the occasion, 15 retired Police officials including Inspector M. Siddamallappa, Assistant Head Constables (AHC) Syed Mugdam and Channabasavachar, Head Constable V. Muthuraj, Reserve Police Inspector E.A Devaiah, Assistant Reserve Sub-Inspector H.R. Raju, AHC S. Murthy, Karnataka Police Band player D. Narayan, English Band player N.K. Vijaykumar, Woman Assistant Sub-Inspector V. Puttamma, AHC D. Devapal, Assistant Reserve Sub-Inspector Thammadaiah, Sub-Inspector C.M. Eerappa, Section Superintendent Kamalamma and Assistant Sub-Inspector Basavaraje Urs were felicitated.

Mandya ZP CEO transferred

Replaced by Avinash Menon

Yalakki Gowda

Avinash Menon

Mandya, Apr.2 (Nagaiah& DM)- Even as actress Sumalatha Ambarish, who is contesting as an independent candidate from Mandya LS seat is crying foul over the nomination papers of her main rival Nikhil Kumaraswamy, the JD(S)-Congress Coalition candidate, the State Government, acting on the direction of the Election Commission, on Monday transferred Mandya ZP CEO Yalakki Gowda.

Yalakki Gowda, a native of Malavalli taluk in Mandya district, has now been replaced by Avinash Menon Rajendran, who is currently serving as Additional Commissioner of Commercial Taxes (Service Analysis Wing) at Bengaluru.

In other transfers, the EC on Monday also transferred Hubballi-Dharwad Corporation Commissioner C.W. Shakeel Ahmed and replaced him with Prashanth Kumar Mishra, who was PU Board Director (Examination).

Belagavi Deputy Commissioner Ujwal Kumar Ghosh was also transferred on Monday, barely a day after he was appointed as Belagavi DC replacing S.B. Bommanahalli.

U.K. Ghosh's transfer came in the light of the demise of his father G.C. Ghosh, according to sources.

Congress manifesto released

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Some of the key promises in the manifesto includes separate Kisan Budget, single slab GST and filling 22 lakh Government vacancies. Rahul Gandhi also said that the party will scrap NITI Aayog once voted to power.

Rahul said that the Congress manifesto also proposes to make loan default by farmers a civil offence instead of criminal one.

On his decision to contest from Wayanad, Rahul said, "There is a feeling of neglect in South India. I wanted to show them that Congress stands with them. As far as I can see, we have alliances with Left across the country and there is no problem on that ticket."

Former Finance Minister P. Chidambaram, who headed the Manifesto Committee, said that the manifesto will set the narrative for the polls.

"The BJP may be the ruling party today but the party is trying to take the narrative to five years back ...to divisiveness and hyper nationalism... Our manifesto is focussed on real issues of jobs," Chidambaram said.

BJP worker applies to Mandya DC for wedding video coverage!

Mandya, Apr.2- In a novel protest, a BJP worker has sent an application addressed to the Deputy Commissioner of Mandya N. Manjushree asking her to send a videographer and a photographer to cover a wedding.

N. Manjushree

BJP worker S. Shivakumar submitted the application after reading a news item stating that the Deputy Commissioner had told Sumalatha Amabarish's election agent Madan Kumar that she had sent the videographer who had covered coalition candidate Nikhil Kumaraswamy's filing of nomination process to cover a wedding later.

In the application, Shivakumar has said that as his uncle's daughter's wedding is fixed on Apr.24, 2019 at Sri Arkeshwaraswamy Temple in Guttalu village and has requested the DC to send a videographer and photographer.

He has also mentioned that he was ready to bear the expenses, at Government rate, that occurred to cover the wedding. He was interested in this offer as he had read about the facility and he also wanted to make use of the facility that the DC had offered, he has stated in the application.

Shivakumar walked up to the DC's office submitted the application and got the acknowledgement.

Karanji Lake desilting work begins

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Located behind the Zoo, Karanji Lake is a good example of wetland ecosystem and is a home to many local and migratory birds. Boating in Karanji Lake is the best way to get a close look at the birds and a wide variety of birds can be spotted. Of late, this is for the first time the Lake is being desilted. "The Lake was desilted 15 years back and after that we have initiated the process now," he said. On the shortage of water for birds, the Zoo Executive Director said that most of the birds that visit Karanji Lake now are migratory species that come here to feed. "After feeding, the birds return to Ranganathittu. For other birds, we have sufficient water to tide over summer," he added.

According to environmentalists, as the Karanji Lake is dry, now is the best time to desilt it. Also, the Lake can be cleansed of effluents and sewage that flow into the water body from neighbouring localities.

They said that the absence of Rajakaluves (natural underground water drains) in the Karanji Lake premises has caused the Lake to be more polluted. If silt is removed now and the Lake is cleaned, enough water can be stored in monsoon, they felt.

Hanur Temple Poisoning Case

No pesticide used!!

CCFI white paper disproves Police claim

CCFI Expert Advisor S. Ganeshan seen addressing media persons at a private hotel here this morning as Archana Nair, Director, Care for Environment and Agriculture, Mumbai, looks on.

Mysuru, Apr.2 - **Crop Care Federation of India (CCFI),** the apex trade body for the agrochemical industry, has disproved the Police claim that the pesticide Monocrotophos was used in Hanur taluk's Sulwadi Maramma Temple *prasadam* poisoning case.

The CCFI, in a statement released at a press conference held at a private hotel today said, "After the incident of food poisoning on Dec.14, 2018 at the temple, the Police blamed it on the criminal misuse of as much as 15 bottles of Monocrotophos while cooking 15 kgs of *anna prasadam* (tomato bath) that was given to over 150 devotees. However, the facts in the Police narrative do not add up. The scientific facts brought out in the white paper strongly contradict the conclusion constructed by the Police."

"While cooking tomato bath, the temperature reaches 100 degrees Celsius whereas the pesticide Monocrotophos, when heated beyond 58 degrees Celsius, would begin to enter vapour phase and emit toxic fumes. The dark dense fumes coming from the burning pesticide would be several thousand times higher than lethal levels for human beings. This toxic vapour from the kitchen should have caused extensive death of the people assembled at the temple even as the *anna prasadam* was being cooked. This did not happen," it states.

It further empirically explains that if indeed 150 people consumed 15 kgs of *anna prasadam* poisoned with 15 bottles of pesticide, none would have survived in view of the toxic load.

The CCFI white paper also lists out past cases of food poisoning deaths in Karnataka including the one that occurred recently at Gangamma temple. Citing statistics from the Government, it says that food poisoning at the places of mass cooking are not uncommon in India and they should not be mistaken for pesticide poisoning unless established by proper and verifiable scientific evidence.

An Expert Advisor to CCFI **S. Ganeshan** said, "The current narrative put forth by the Police is completely flawed considering the physio chemical properties of Monocrotophos."

Criticising the authorities for not providing forensic lab report under Right To Information Act, he said in mass food poisoning cases involving the public such as this, there should be absolute transparency about the forensic findings. The results of forensic lab analysis must be chemical specific, quantitative and based on confirmatory tests.

He further noted that the white paper has already been submitted to various authorities and hoped that it would help do a course correction in the investigations eventually leading to finding out the real cause of food poisoning at Maramma Temple.

It may be recalled that nearly 15 people had died in Sulwadi Maramma Temple prasadam poisoning incident on Dec.14, 2018 and more than 90 victims had undergone treatments at various hospitals in the city.

The Police had arrested the four accused in the case — Immadi Mahadevaswamy, the junior Seer of Salur Mutt in Male Mahadeshwara Hills, who is also the President of the Maramma Temple Trust; Ambika, the Temple Secretary, who has reportedly told the Police that she had poured Organophosphorus (pesticide) into the dish in which the prasadam was being prepared; Madesha, the Temple Manager and the husband of Ambika and Trust Member Chinnappi.

This claim of CCFI brings the question how the Police went about investigating the case and arrested the accused.

GTD disappointed over lack of coordination between local Congress-JD(S) leaders

Mysuru, Apr.2 (SBD, RK& RKB)- Even as the Congress and JD(S) leaders at the State-level are working overtime to bring workers of both the parties for Lok Sabha poll campaign, Mysuru District Minister G.T. Devegowda (GTD) is said to have been disappointed over coordination between the coalition partners in Mysuru.

GTD, who has so far stayed away from campaigning for Congress candidate C.H. Vijayashankar, is said to have been upset over the failure of some local Congress leaders to take him into confidence.

An influential JD(S) Minister from Mysuru, GTD was not present when Congress candidate C.H. Vijayashankar filed his nomination on Mar.25.

GTD was away from Mysuru when Vijayshankar and former Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa tried to meet him recently for seeking his (GTD) support. But after a couple of days, GTD returned to Mysuru, when he told the media that there was a lack of coordination between the coalition partners at the local level.

Evens as GTD issued his statement, a delegation of Congress leaders, comprising NR MLA Tanveer Sait, former Mayor Ayub Khan, City Congress President R. Murthy, District President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar and also KEA Chairman Abdulla, a JD(S) leader, met the District Minister at his Vijayanagar residence yesterday and sought his support for the Congress candidate from Mysuru seat, which has been ceded to the Congress as per a seat-sharing pact reached between Congress and JD(S).

Even as Congress leaders are making attempts to seek the support of G.T. Devegowda, which is crucial for the coalition candidate C.H. Vijayashankar, former Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, accompanied by Vijayashankar and a few Congress Legislators and leaders, visited the residence of GTD in Vijayanagar late last night and sought his support.

The Congress leaders are said to have discussed poll strategy to keep the communal forces out of power. The Congress leaders are also said to have convinced the District Minister on setting aside any local differences and to follow the coalition dharma as agreed upon between the two parties for the LS Polls for defeating the BJP candidate.

MLAs Dr. Yathindra Siddharamaiah and Anil Chikkamadu, former MLAs H.P. Manjunath, M. Sathyanarayana, Mysuru APMC President Prabhuswamy and others were present.

Coalition Partners' Press Meet

G.T. Devegowda said that top leaders of the Congress and JD(S) would hold a joint press meet in Mysuru on Apr.7 as a show of strength and bonding between the coalition partners.

'Nikhil Kumaraswamy has given false information in election affidavit'

Alleges social activist T.J. Abraham

Mandya, Apr.2 (Nagaiah&SR)- In yet another fresh trouble for Mandya LS candidate Nikhil Kumaraswamy after nomination paper row, social activist T.J. Abraham alleged that Nikhil has given false information in the election affidavit submitted to the Returning Officer of Mandya.

Speaking to reporters in Mandya yesterday, he accused that Nikhil had mentioned that he had borrowed Rs.50 lakh loan from Myrid Marketing Pvt. Ltd., but such a company does not exist. He has also given false information of receiving Rs.11 crore advance from Fiza Developers and Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd., but the overall investment of this company is around Rs.10 crore and the company's cash transaction is just Rs.8.5 crore, Abraham said by showing records to defend his allegations at the press conference.

He also charged Nikhil of not filing IT returns after 2017 and urged the Government to probe his allegations.

NICE case: Abraham also complained that former PM H.D. Deve Gowda's family had cheated the farmers in the acquisition of land and development of township by Nandi Infrastructure Corridor Enterprises (NICE). They have given the permission for development of the township in the land which was not approved by Finance Department. Over 4,000 acres of agriculture land acquired by farmers in Srirangapatna taluk has been given for development of township. Shockingly, all the NICE works are stopped now. He alleged that both Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy and Congress leader D.K. Shivakumar have planned to loot this land.

The Congress and JD(S) leaders, who have been blaming NICE Owner Ashok Kheny for misuse of the land given for development of township, has filed affidavit to Supreme Court in favour of him.

One more Complaint

In another complaint, District JD-U President B.S. Gowda has filed complaint with Election Commission against Nikhil suspecting differences over his name mentioned in the voters list and election affidavit. He has mentioned Nikhil K. in the election affidavit but his name mentioned as Nikhil Kumaraswamy in voters list.

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Paramesh, the Messiah

who manages last rites of your loved ones

By Rajkumar Bhavasar

Do you need a helping hand to manage the last rites of your loved ones? Every relative gives different suggestions about rituals, which leaves your family confused at the hour of grief. Don't worry, give a call to Paramesh, the messiah of our city — he will arrive within minutes and make all arrangements for the last rites according to your customs and rituals.

Whenever someone dies in and around T.K. Layout, 42-year-old Paramesh, a devotee of Lord Shiva, will get a call and he joins them in performing the last rites of their loved ones after discussing the funeral arrangements with the bereaved family members.

Since the very beginning of human civilisation, in almost every culture and society that has existed, human beings have had rituals to deal with death. From dressing the body to burying, immersing ashes after cremation to sending reminders, Paramesh will be there to help the shattered families. He will oversee the entire day's schedule from bringing the body home from the hospital, taking the body to the crematorium, burying the body at burial grounds after washing or giving sacred bath till the last rites are performed and arranging for the Death Certificate.

Paramesh handles everything including ambulance to take the body to the crematorium, arranging materials such as flowers, cloth, rose water etc., required for the funeral, assisting the family while performing the last rites. As beliefs about cleanliness and the relationship between body and mind are reflected in funerary practices, Paramesh will perform last rites according to the customs and traditions of the people.

Paramesh

So far Paramesh has performed last rites of various deceased persons at T.K Layout, Ramakrishnanagar, Sharadadevinagar, Bogadi and other adjoining places. Apart from supporting and consoling, he will help the bereaved family members in the 3rd and 11th day ceremonies, *Halu - Thuppa,* collection of ashes and immersing ashes into rivers through to final days of the rituals.

Paramesh is always ready to offer his help and visit any part of the city whenever someone gives him a call seeking his presence. He says that he has attended more than two funeral rites in a week, sometimes two in a day and sometimes he doesn't get any calls for a fortnight. "However, I am always ready to help at whatever time people approach me," he adds.

He says that his friend Ravi always accompanies him and gives his support in all funeral rituals. "I chose this service on humanitarian and compassionate grounds at the age of 16 when many people were not coming forward to touch the corpse. Getting efficient staff for this kind of job is a challenge as certain taboo is attached to this. I decided to dedicate myself in this service while realising that how important it is for people to depart from the world respectfully when I was working as a Ward Boy at JSS Hospital and the last rites hold a lot of value," the messiah adds.

Paramesh with his family members.

Paramesh's wife works doing some small jobs. His daughter is studying engineering and son is in first year PUC. And all of them are encouraging and co-operating with him in his service.

No wonder, Ward No. 43 Corporator Gopi has recognised his service and entrusted him with the responsibility of overseeing the disposal of solid waste management in his Ward to eke out his livelihood.

Narrating his family background, Paramesh says that he could not study much because of poverty. His father who had seven children was unable to provide education to all.

Before taking up this profession, Paramesh was doing some odd jobs since the age of 10 years. His first job was as a Ball Boy at Mysore Tennis Club.

"I quit this job after working for 3 years there. I worked as a construction worker for 10 years. Later, I was running a goods auto to eke out my living, but I did not to continue because I was not qualified to get a driving licence as passing 8th standard was necessary to get the same. Finally, I ended up as a Ward Boy at JSS Hospital. I quit this job too after new JSS Hospital opened and now, I have fully involved in this service and finding satisfaction in it," sighs Paramesh, who has even displayed his **Mobile No. 99018-45730** in the burial grounds (crematorium) for people in need to contact him.

Me and my children are all happy and healthy because of the sacred service offered by my husband. I have even sent my husband at midnight to help people in need. He has been never after money."

— Renuka Kumari, Paramesh's wife

"Irrespective of caste, community feelings, Paramesh is offering his service voluntarily."

— Ramesh, auto driver

"Paramesh is giving free service to people without asking money from bereaved family members."

— Nagaraju, auto driver

"I had never heard about Paramesh, but he came and helped out our family for last rites of my father and consoled us."

— Vidya, Janathanagar

"God has not given me enough money, but he has bestowed me with enough compassion and empathy to help people and shattered families who lose their loved ones. I deem this service as a sacred act. I have also arranged money for poor families whenever they didn't have enough to perform the last rites of their family members by taking the help of generous rich persons."

— Paramesh

Book on CPK to be released on Apr. 8

Mysuru, Apr.2 - Marking the 80th birthday of veteran writer **Dr. C.P. Krishna Kumar,** two books on CPK, titled *'CPK Chutuku Thorana'* and *'Kavyakke Guru'* will be released by Adichunchanagiri Mysuru Shakha Mutt's Sri Someshwaranatha Swamiji at a programme to be organised by Ursu Jagruthi Academy at Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha on JLB Road at 4pm on Apr. 8.

Adichunchanagiri Mutt Seer Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji will grace the occasion.

Also, nine achievers from various fields — K.B. Lingaraju of Mysuru Taluk Krishika Samaja, TV actor Raghavendra Raje Urs, Krantikaari Veerashaiva Balaga President C. Jagadeesh, Varsha Industries Proprietor B. Kumar, Chintamani Lions Club President Ln. Shivakumar, Mysuru District Chutuku Sahitya Parishat President Maddikere Gopal, Samruddhi Trust President Maleyur Umesh, Nrupathunga Charitable Trust President Shanthamahadevaprasad and Poorna Chetana Public School CEO Madhurya Ramaswamy will be conferred 'Dhwani Kotta Dhani' award.

For more details, call Ph: 0821-2485959 or Mob: 94484-02092.

'Health is Wealth' on Apr.5

Mysuru, Apr.2- Mysore University in association with Soukya Foundation has organised a 3-day International Science Conference 'Health is Wealth' from Apr.5 at Hotel Rio Meridian, said Srihari of GSS Foundation.

About 400 reps from Australia, Malaysia, Indonesia and other countries are participating, he said. This time Mysuru is hosting the conference whereas earlier Cochin used to host the event. People who used to go for English medicine now are using Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani. This conference will emphasise on creating awareness about these systems of medicine and its importance, he said.

On Apr.7, public awareness programme on nutrition, natural medicine and health has been organised at B. N. Bahadur Institute of Management Sciences, Manasagangothri, he added.

Sam Curran claims first hat-trick of IPL 2019

as Kings XI Punjab beat Delhi Capitals

Mohali, Apr.2- Sam Curran, featuring in his debut season, bagged the first hat-trick of Indian Premier League (IPL) 2019 during Kings XI Punjab's (KXIP) clash against Delhi Capitals (DC) yesterday.

The English all-rounder cleaned up the Delhi Capitals tail in his death overs spell to bundle them out for 152 runs and help the hosts clinch victory by 14 runs.

Curran bagged the wickets of Harshal Patel in the final delivery of the 18th over which was followed by two unplayable yorkers to get rid of Kagiso Rabada and Sandeep Lamichhane respectively.

Curran is only two IPL matches old. He claimed two wickets for 52 runs in the first match against Rajasthan Royals.

KXIP's costliest buy Curran picked up four for 11 in 2.2 overs and was ably supported by Mohammed Shami as Delhi Capitals fell short in pursuit of 167.

From 144 for 3, Delhi lost their last seven wickets for 8 runs, something that will haunt them for days to come especially after Rishabh Pant and Colin Ingram set up what looked like an easy win.

With the bat, Curran (20 off 10 balls) promoted up the order did hit a couple of lusty blows but Lamichhane got him with a flipper.

Curran, the Surrey player had proved his mettle on international circuit when India toured England in 2018. He was also a part of the Surrey team that won the County Championship.

The 20-year-old carries an experience of 48 T20s, scoring 478 runs and picking up 44 wickets.

IPL Season-12

Today's Match

RR Vs **RCB**
Sawai Mansingh Stadium, Jaipur, **8 pm**

Tomorrow's Match

MI Vs **CSK**
Wankhede Stadium, Mumbai, **8 pm**

Yesterday's Results

KXIP 166/9 (20)
beat
DC 152 (19.2)

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Blitzkrieg 1st State-level Open Chess Tournament

IM Ravi Hegde triumphs

A group photo of the winners in various categories of the Blitzkrieg 1st State-level Open Chess Tournament conducted by Knight Riders Chess Club of VVCE at the College premises in city on Sunday.

Mysuru, Apr.2- IM Ravi Hegde of Bengaluru with 6.5 points from seven rounds clinched the title in the Open Section in the Blitzkrieg 1st State-level Open Chess Tournament conducted by Knight Riders Chess Club of VVCE at the College premises here on Sunday. Ananya Suresh of Mysuru with 6 points finished second while A. Augustin of Kushalnagar secured third place with 5.5 points.

The winner took home a cash prize of Rs.7,000 and a trophy while the runner-up and third place winners secured Rs.5,000 & Rs.3,000 with trophies. The top 15 players in the Open Section were given cash prizes.

FINAL PLACINGS

Open: 1. IM Ravi Hegde (6,5), **2.** Ananya Suresh (6), **3.** A. Augustin (5.5), **4.** Sharan R. Setty (5.5), **5.** M.D. Chiranth (5.5), **6.** V.P.S. Darshan (5), **7.** Nitinpal (5), **8.** M.P. Ajith (5), **9.** C. Pavan (5), **10.** Prasiddhi Bhat (5); **Below 1600: 1.** M. Shivanth (4.5), **2.** V. Avinash (4.5); **Below 1300: 1.** M.G. Prameeth (4.5), **2.** C. Abhishek (4.5); **Best Unrated: 1.** L. Jitendra Kashyap (3.5), **2.** N. Pranav (3.5); **Best veteran:** L. Seshadri (4).

Boys — U-15: 1. Rajath Gururaj (4.5), **2.** Manu Keerthi (4.5), **3.** Siddanth P. Vasisht (4), **4.** Fiero Jain (3), **5.** G.S. Suhas 93); **U-13: 1.** C. Vayu Singh (4), **2.** S. Krishna (4), **3.** M.H. Akash (4), **4.** R. Ashvath Ram (4), **5.** B. Nimish Raj (4); **U-11: 1.** R.D. Anurag (5), **2.** P. Sukruth (4), **3.** Atharva Kale (3), **4.** G. Akshay (3), **5.** Vipul Hebbar (3); **U-9: 1.** Vihaan Venugopal (6), **2.** Nivaan Raghavendra (5), **3.** R. Hruthvik (5), **4.** Hitharth Umesh (4.5), **5.** Ashwin Kumar Gowda (4).

Girls — U-15: 1. S. Meghana (4), **2.** Nesha Kavya Gowda (4), **3.** Diya Sailal (2), **4.** R. Sanjana (2), **5.** K.S. Samdyatha (1); **U-13: 1.** Dhatri Umesh (5), **2.** V. Deeksha (4), **3.** Sanjana G. Rao (3.5), **4.** Nityashree Lokesha (3), **5.** Anuja Anand (3); **U-11: 1.** Yashika R. Joshi (4), **2.** R. Ashvitha (4), **3.** Akshara Kishore (3.5), **4.** Sinchana S.P. Jain (3), **5.** A.K. Sinchana Rao (3); **U-9: 1.** L. Vaishnavi (5), **2.** K.R. Ghanashree (5), **3.** V. Vaishnavi (4), **4.** S.G. Vishmitha (4), **5.** S.K. Deeksha (4); **U-7: 1.** Diya Umesh (6), **2.** Dhrithi Madhusudhan (5), **3.** Y.S. Lithayaa (5), **4.** M. Yadharsha (5), **5.** A. Aadya (4).

Sisters Triumph

Sisters from Mysuru — Diya Umesh (U-7) and Dhatri Umesh (U-13) — bagged first prize in their respective category in the Championship. Both are trained at Mysore Chess Center under Suresh and Aravind Shastri.

Football League: Narrow win for Chanakya Koota FC

Mysuru, Apr.2- A match-winning goal by left-out Rameez (44th), helped Chanakya Koota FC to register a narrow 1-0 win over Durgamba FC in the MDFA 'A' Division Football League 2018-19 for the Achutha Rao Memorial Trophy, played at University Grounds here on Monday.

RESULTS

Monday's Match — Chanakya Koota FC 1 (Rameez 44) bt Durgamba FC 0.

Sunday's Match — Rovers FC: 2 (Balu 25, Chethan 43) bt **SW Railway (S) FC:** 0.

Winners of VTU Mysuru Zone Cricket

The students of Vidya Vikas Institute of Engineering and Technology, Mysuru, bagged Winner's Trophy in the VTU Mysuru Zone Men Cricket Championship held at NIE-IT College in city and got selected for VTU Inter-Zone Cricket Championship-2019. Seen in the picture are (from left - standing first row) Naveen Kumar, Nagarjun, Vinay, Preetham, Vikas and Akash; (standing 2nd row) Delip Kumar, Shashan, Jayaprasad, Muruli and Amith; (sitting) K.B. Manjunath, PE Director, M. Ravishankar, Principal and Captain S. Pradeep.

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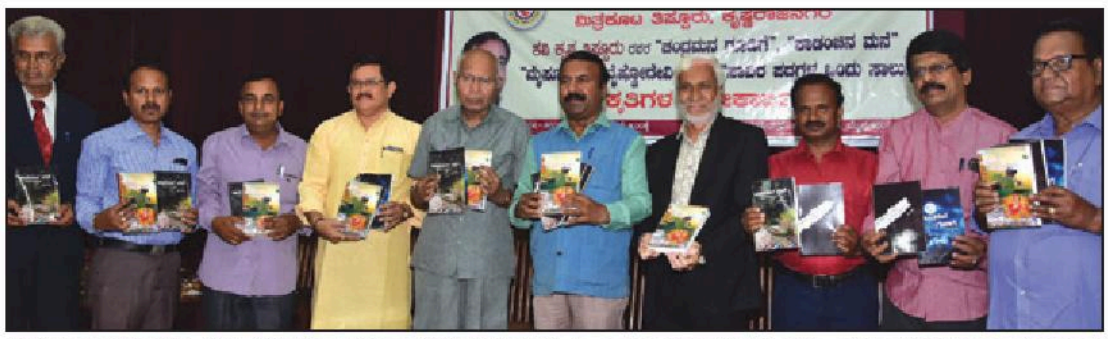
'Scores of books are released everyday but who will buy and read them?'

Questions veteran writer Dr. C.P. Krishna Kumar



Veteran writer Dr. C.P. Krishna Kumar (fifth from left) is seen releasing books of Poet Krishna Tippur at Maneyangala in Kalamandira premises on Sunday as others look on.

Mysuru, Apr.2- "Just like mass wedding happening these days, scores of books are being released everyday in Mysuru, but the most important question is who will buy and read them?," asked veteran writer Dr. C.P. Krishna Kumar (CPK).

He was speaking on the occasion of releasing four books of Poet Krishna Tippur — 'Chandramana Gudige', 'Kadanchina Mane', 'Mysurininda Vaishno Deviyatta' and 'Savira Padagala Ondu Saalu' — at Maneyangala in Kalamandira premises on Mar.31. The book release programme was organised by District Unit of Kannada Sahitya Parishat in association with K.R. Nagar Mitrakuta, Tippur.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. CPK said: "readers would like Krishna's poetry and travelogues. Similar to Vivekananda who went to America and mesmerised them, poet Krishna has travelled to Vaishno Devi from Mysuru and has come out with a good travelogue. The book should have been titled 'Chamundiyinda Vaishno Deviyavarege'."

"Only Rashtrakavi Kuvempu and PuTiNa have written poems about science. The way they used to bind emotive relations with science in their poetry used to attract readers and critics alike. Similarly, in Krishna Tippur's 'Chandramana Gudige', 'Kadanchina Mane', 'Savira Padagala Ondu Saalu' poems, he has chosen objective elements as the subject for his poetry, he described.

Speaking on the book, Dr. Kabbinale Vasanth Bharadwaj, senior writer, said that in 'Chandramana Gudige,' poet has added science to the emotive world which is a great thinking. 'Chandramana Gudige' has 62 poems, 'Kadanchina Mane' has 67, 'Savira Padagala Ondu Saalu' has 46. In total, he has written 175 poems. Each poem will give different meaning and so readers should buy and read these books, he opined.

Kannada Sahitya Parishat Mysuru President Dr. Y.D. Rajanna presided. Former KPSC Member Dr. B.S. Krishna Prasad, Publisher Dr. Ankanahalli Partha, Poet Krishna Tippur, Parishat Office-bearers Dr. Jayappa Honnali, Rajashekar Kadamba & K.S. Nagaraju and former President M. Chandrashekhar were present.

Retired Cops feted

Three Policemen in city attained superannuation in March. A send off function was organised for the trio at the City Police Commissioner's office on Mar.30. DCP (Law and Order) M. Mutturaj is seen honouring the three officers — (pic.1) CAR Assistant Head Constable Papanna and his wife, (pic.2) Lashkar Police Station Assistant Sub-Inspector K.V. Srinivas and his wife and (pic.3) V.V. Puram Traffic Assistant Sub-Inspector Looma and his wife — in the presence of CAR DCP Channaiah. City Top Cop K.T. Balakrishna presided over the programme.

ATME Engineering College gets NBA accreditation

Mysuru, Apr.2 (PM&NNN)- The ATM College of Engineering on Bannur Road has got the NBA (National Board of Accreditation) accreditation in a very short period of time, said ATME College of Engineering President L. Arun Kumar.

Addressing a press conference at a private hotel in city recently, he said ATME College of Engineering was started in the year 2010 and it has been recognised for accreditation. This is the college that has gained this recognition in such a short period of time. As a result of this accreditation, the college and students are going to be benefited in many ways, he added.

Out of the 227 Engineering Colleges in the State, only 29 Colleges have got this recognition and among them is ATME College. This will help the students get opportunities for higher studies. Similarly, the College will become eligible for many grants which in turn will help improve the standards of education, he added.

The College has adopted a Government School near the College and it is being provided with basic facilities and free computer training is being given to its students. The College has all modern amenities with well-equipped labs and digital classrooms, he explained.

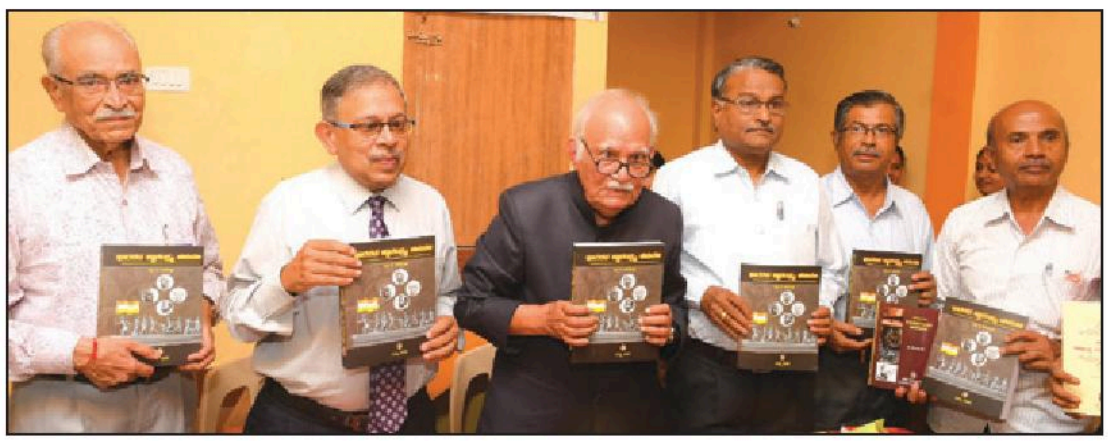
In order to encourage talented students under the 'ATME-Vidyasare' scheme, students who have got very high marks in PUC or in CET are being given free education under the management quota for all the four years. Along with this, transport facility is also provided, he said.

ATME College of Engineering Secretary K. Shivashankar, Treasurer R. Veeresh, Administration Board Members former Vice-Chancellor Dr. Chidananda Gowda and H. Venkatesh, Principal Dr. L. Basavaraj and SJCE Engineering College retired Principal Syed Shakib Ur Rehman were present at the press meet.

ATME College of Engineering President L. Arun Kumar addressing a press conference at a private hotel in city recently.

'There is sacrifice and efforts of many in India's freedom struggle'

Former Vice-Chancellor Prof. B. Sheik Ali



Former VC of Mangalore and Goa Universities Prof. B. Sheik Ali (third from left) releasing the books at Vidya Bhavan in city on Mar.31 as his son Dr. Zakir Hussain, writer Prof. B. Parameshwar, Convenor Dr. Ranganath, retd. engineer Bapu Sathyanarayan and others look on.

Mysuru, Apr.2 (RKB&NNN)- "The Salt Satyagraha launched by Mahatma Gandhi created a revolution in the country. Gandhi who eschewed violence and chose the path of non-violence did it because he had the vision of a secular country," said former Vice-Chancellor of Mangalore and Goa Universities Prof. B. Sheik Ali.

He was speaking after releasing four books including his own titled 'Ground Work of Karnataka History,' Prof. B. Parameshwar's 'Karnataka Hitihasa Parichaya' and 'Bharatada Swatantra Chaluvali' and Mahesh Agasarahalli's 'Kannada Sahitya mattu Vyakarana' at the Vidya Bhavan near Ramaswamy Circle in city here on Mar.31.

"The then Congress stalwarts like Jawaharlal Nehru and Maulana Azad's administrative skills were excellent. If one delves into history, giant political thinkers like Socrates, Plato and Aristotle come to mind. The sacrifice and efforts of many freedom fighters are there in India's struggle for freedom," he said.

Retired History Professor B. Parameshwar said that by reflecting on the past the true essence of life is revealed. Hence, to see that everyone understands history easily in the present day competitive world, the history of India's freedom struggle has been included in his book, he added.

Retired Principal Dr. A. Somashekar presided over the event. Dr. Sheik Ali's son Dr. Zakir Hussain, retired Geography Professor Dr. Ranganath, Mahesh Agasarahalli, retired engineer Bapu Satyanarayan, Harish and others were present.

No women candidates from national parties in old Mysuru region

Chandraprabha Urs *Ramya* *Sumalatha Ambarish* *P. Sumalatha* *Sumalatha Manjegowda* *Sumalatha*

Mysuru, Apr.2 (UNI)- Even though all political parties bat for 33 percent reservation for women for Assemblies and Parliament, no national party has fielded any woman candidate for the forthcoming General elections from Old Mysuru region.

Among the three Lok Sabha seats, which come under the Old Mysuru region, consisting Hassan, Mandya, Chamarajanagar, Hassan and Mysuru, three women candidates are contesting in Mysuru and another four are contesting in Mandya. Notably, all the women candidates are independents and small-time parties.

In Mysuru, V. Asharani is contesting from Uttama Prajakiya Party, P.S. Sandhya is contesting on a ticket from Socialist Unity Centre of India (Communist) and N.K. Kaveramma is contesting as Independent.

Interestingly in Mandya Lok Sabha seat, names of all the four independents are Sumalatha (Sumalatha Ambarish, P. Sumalatha, Sumalatha Manjegowda and Sumalatha) and voters may find it difficult to identify their candidate and cast their votes.

In all the general elections held from the region, only Mandya and Mysuru Lok Sabha seats had sent women representatives to Parliament. While cine star Ramya alias Divya Spandana had won the Lok Sabha by-elections from Congress once in 2013 and lost in the 2014 Lok Sabha elections, Chandraprabha Urs (now late), the daughter of former Chief Minister Devaraja Urs, was successful in winning the elections from Mysuru Lok Sabha seat with a Congress ticket.

Chandraprabha Urs had got elected to Lok Sabha after defeating the scion of the erstwhile royal family Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar in the 1991 general elections.

However, many women candidates have successfully contested the Assembly elections in the districts of Mysuru, Mandya and Chamarajanagar in the past.

TEASER By N. Prakash

Pakistan still counting BODIES...!!
....we are still counting VOTES !!
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BALAKOT AIR STRIKE ON JEM CAMP IN PAK

C.H. Vijayashankar calls on H.D. Deve Gowda

Discusses coalition status in Mysuru-Kodagu LS Constituency

Mysuru, Apr.2- Congress-JD(S) coalition candidate for Mysuru-Kodagu LS Constituency, C.H. Vijayashankar called on former PM and JD(S) Supremo H.D. Deve Gowda on Sunday at the latter's Padmanabhanagar residence in Bengaluru and discussed the current coalition status with him.

For about half-an-hour, they exchanged their views regarding campaign strategies and other related issues. Vijayashankar, inviting the former PM to join the poll campaign in his Constituency, also urged him to instruct JD(S) leaders and party workers to actively involve and coordinate with the Congress workers during the campaign.

In reply, Deve Gowda said that on Apr.8 he would visit Mysuru-Kodagu Constituency for campaigning along with Coordination Committee Chief Siddharamaiah and Ministers S.R. Mahesh, G.T. Devegowda and other leaders.

Media Cell watching election coverage with a hawk's eye

Mysuru, Apr.2 (RK&SR)- The District-level Media Certification and Monitoring Committee (MCMC) and Media Monitoring Cell has been opened in the first floor at the Office of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) to monitor Poll Code violations in Mysuru-Kodagu Parliamentary seat by scrutinising the contents of programmes telecast by electronic media, social media sites and published in newspapers.

However, since Mar.14, the day the Cell started functioning, there is no breach of Model Code of Conduct in this Constituency.

This Cell works round-the-clock to scrutinise programmes aired by 11 Kannada TV channels and advertisements to ensure strict adherence to directions of the Election Commission of India (ECI).

The District Administration has installed more than 19 TV sets to record the programmes and check Poll Code violations plus two systems to check any incendiary postings on social media.

The Cell, headed by DC Abhiram G. Sankar, who is also the Returning Officer, has deputed special four-plus-two member staff to work in three shifts besides constituting an Official Committee to study election related advertisements.

District Information and Publicity Department Assistant Director R. Raju, who is also the Nodal Officer, said that everyday, the Media Cell records political speeches telecast in all Kannada channels and collects paper clippings, speeches of candidates, fake news, postings on social media and cuttings of advertisements and the same will be reported to the ECI officials on a regular basis for further action. The close observation will continue until the day of voting.

The DC said that it is mandatory for all electronic media to obtain certification for the political advertisements that are going to be telecast in their respective media in advance.

The respective media houses will be held liable for violation of Model Code of Conduct if the advertisements are not duly certified by the Monitoring Committee, he said.

Upendra campaigns for Uttama Prajakeeya Party candidate

Pandavapura, Apr.2- "Persons who get remuneration for working for people should come to politics, so please vote for Uttama Prajakeeya Party (UPP) candidate," requested Party President and cine actor Upendra.

He was addressing the crowd in town yesterday, while campaigning for C.P. Divakar, Prajakeeya Party candidate for Lok Sabha elections.

"Persons who are getting wages for serving people should come to politics, not leaders. State Budget is Rs.2 lakh crore which is people's money. You are paying tax for everything, for having meal, drinking tea, washing clothes. In democracy, people are supreme. You need not have any leaders," he said.

"UPP candidates are ready to work 24 hours a day, so people should decide that they do not need politics (Rajakeeya) but instead need Prajakeeya and so vote for Prajakeeya party candidate," he urged.

UPP candidate for Lok Sabha election C.P. Divakar and others were present on the occasion.

WORD OF THE DAY

Comminute

Pronunciation: KAH-muh-noot

Meaning: Reduced to minute particles or fragments.

Origin: What do comminute, pulverise, and triturate all have in common? All three words are derived from Latin and share the meaning "to reduce to small particles."

Comminute can be traced back to the prefix com- and the verb minuere, meaning "to lessen." Pulverise descends from a combination of pulver-, meaning "dust" or "powder," with the suffix -izare, which—like the English -ize—can mean "to cause to be." Triturate is borrowed from the past participle of the Latin triturare, which means "to thresh." Triturate specifically refers to the use of rubbing or grinding to achieve pulverisation, a process which could be said to resemble the use of rubbing to separate grains from harvested cereal plants.

Examples: "Type III fractures are comminuted (involve multiple broken pieces of bone), which lead to mechanical blocks to motion and significant elbow joint and ligament damage. Surgery would be required to fix or remove the broken pieces of bone and repair the soft-tissue damage." — Joshua Dines, Forbes.com, 21 Oct. 2018.

THE ODD WORD

Penurious

Extremely poor

PHRASE OF THE DAY

The devil's advocate

Meaning: A person who expresses a contentious opinion in order to provoke debate or test the strength of the opposing arguments.

Origin: The term 'Devil's advocate' was brought into English in the 18th century from the medieval Latin expression 'advocatus diaboli'. To describe someone as a Devil's advocate now is to suggest that they are mischievous and contradictory, being contrary for the sake of it. In medieval Europe, Devil's advocate wasn't seen so negatively; it was, like 'chamberlain' or 'cordwainer', a job title. There are various mentions in Vatican records dating from the early 1500s of an informal role called 'Diaboli Advocatus'. In 1587, the administration of Pope Sixtus V (disappointingly, there hasn't yet been a Sixtus the Sixth) established the formal post of Promoter of the Faith, known colloquially as the 'Advocatus Diaboli', which surely must have been the same role as 'Diaboli Advocatus'. The first time that the current form of the expression was used in print appears to be in the 1760 humorous text Impostors Detected: "By rising up and playing the true part of the Devil's advocate."

QUOTE BOX

Work is the curse of the drinking classes. **— Oscar Wilde**

RIDDLE THIS

What is red but it smells like a blue paint?

Answer: Red Paint.

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1	3	8	9	5	2	7	4	6
5	6	9	4	8	7	1	3	2
9	5	1	2	7	4	3	6	8
6	8	7	1	3	5	2	9	4
3	4	2	8	9	6	5	7	1

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

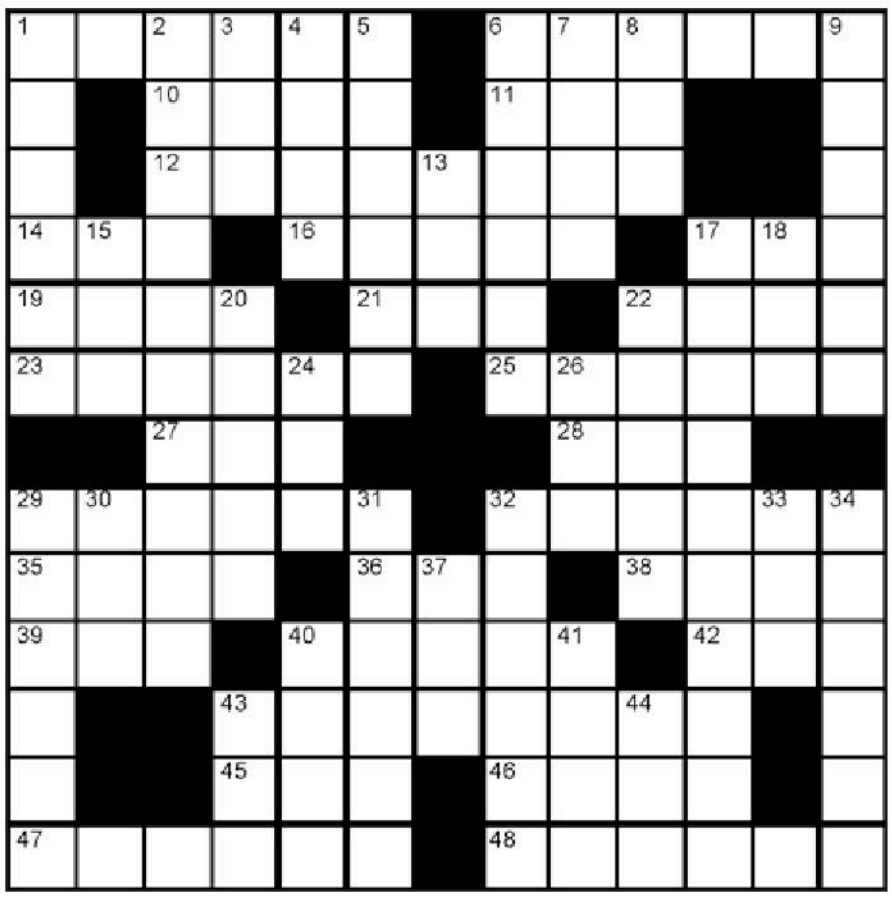
1 Repeat aloud
6 Tropical trees - ""I alias"" anagram?"
10 Growth on an animal's head
11 KGB's Cold War foe
12 That man from U.S.A.?
14 Place for travellers to stay
16 South ___ : Seoul is its capital?
17 Gene material
19 Team - right or left?
21 French article
22 Campus VIP
23 Shape of a spring
25 Closed up
27 Global Navigation Sys.
28 Slalom
29 ____ of : benefits from?
32 American Indian tribe
35 Dreadful, terrible
36 Recede or flow back
38 Purple ____ : famous movie by Prince?
39 Speed measure, in short
40 Hawaian greeting
42 Ex-British P.M. Heath
43 Principal tourist centre of the French Alps
45 International Cricket Council, in short
46 Be dizzy?
47 Frail-looking, lightweight or trivial
48 Person or animal with great endurance?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER:

A	H	O	Y	■	C	U	P	■	E	A	R	S
L	U	N	E	■	U	G	H	■	S	K	U	A
S	G	T	S	■	B	L	A	S	T	I	N	G
O	O	H	■	S	A	I	N	T	■	N	E	E
■	■	E	B	O	N	■	T	A	S	■	■	■
R	O	A	R	S	■	B	O	R	E	D	O	M
C	C	I	I	■	G	U	M	■	T	E	A	S
B	A	R	S	A	A	T	■	M	U	F	F	S
■	■	■	K	I	N	■	M	O	P	E	■	■
S	H	Y	■	A	G	R	E	E	■	A	P	O
K	E	E	P	A	T	I	T	■	E	T	A	T
E	R	N	E	■	O	S	E	■	D	E	L	I
W	E	S	T	■	K	K	R	■	O	D	E	S

DOWN

1 Negligent or careless
2 One of the Union Territories
3 Isle of Man
4 Long journey
5 Join or enlist?
6 Means of entry
7 American Inst. of Aeronautics and Astronautics
8 Local Area Network
9 A string of pearls or beads?
13 Poetic anger
15 Pinch or bite
17 Daintily or finely
18 "No" or "not" in Scotland?
20 `Irene' turned into a boy?
22 Senegalese seaport
24 Above sea level
26 Psychic power
29 Owns up or confesses
30 In short a bigwig?
31 Choose or prefer
32 Shrinks from
33 Hasten or hurry in archaic English
34 Make beloved
37 French word meaning `good'?
40 Curve
41 Help a felon
43 A two-wheeled, one-horse vehicle
44 Milieu for a ewe



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

USQ XNQYU UNYXQCE TH IKBQDKQ - USQ IJYEBDX TH

Y OQYRUBHRJ SEFTUSQIBI OE YD RXJE HYKU

TODAY'S CLUE: X EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: He that falls in love with himself will have no rivals.

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KANNADA			
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	Skyline	2481170	4 Shows
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Panchatantra	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
Gandhada Kudi	Lido	2420885	4 Shows
Rugged	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
Ravi History	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Yajamana	Shanthala	2427584	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
HINDI			
Junglee	Sri Nagaraj	2520490	4 Shows
	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
MALAYALAM			
Lucifer	Sterling	2481170	4 Shows
TELUGU			
Lakshmi's NTR	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows
TAMIL			
Super Deluxe	Padma	2521923	1 Show
Airaa	Padma	2521923	3 Shows

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Londonalli Lambodara (K)	(S-2)	10.50 am
Airaa (Ta)	(S-2)	1.30 pm
Panchatantra (K)	(S-2)	4.15 pm, 7.00 pm
Lakshmi's NTR (Te)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Ravi History (K)	(S-3)	11.00 am
Badla (H)	(S-3)	1.50 pm
Bell Bottom (K)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Junglee (H)	(S-3)	7.15 pm
Us (E)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Kesari (H)	(S-4)	10.45 am, 7.00 pm
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Panchatantra (K)	(S-2)	1.05 pm
	(S-4)	10.30 am, 9.50 pm
Londonalli Lambodara (K)	(S-3)	10.25 am
	(S-4)	4.10 pm
Ravi History (K)	(S-3)	1.15 pm
Us (E)	(S-2)	10.30 am, 4.00 pm
Gandada Kudi (K)	(S-4)	7.00 pm
Yada Yada Hi Dharmasya (K)	(S-4)	1.25 pm
Lucifer (Ma)	(S-3)	9.40 pm
Airaa (Ta)	(S-2)	6.35 pm
Super Deluxe (Ta)	(S-2)	9.30 pm
Note Book (H)	(S-3)	4.05 pm
Lakshmi's NTR (Te)	(S-3)	6.35 pm

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Junglee (H)	11.05 am, 4.35 pm, 9.45 pm
Londonalli Lambodhara (K)	12.50 pm
Airaa (Ta)	1.25 pm
Ravi History (K)	1.40 pm
Us (E)	2.00 pm, 7.15 pm
Rugged (K)	3.45 pm
Dragon Ball Super: Broly (E)	4.15 pm
Panchatantra (K)	7.00 pm
Notebook (H)	7.10 pm
Lucifer (Ma)	10.00 pm
Super Deluxe (Ta)	10.00 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

World Water Day, Women's Day celebrated

B.P. Devamane, Senior Civil Judge, is seen lighting the lamp as Dr. Suman K. Murty, Head, Department of Social Work, Pooja Bhagavath Memorial Mahajana Education Centre, Sundar Raj, Advocate, K.C. Prashant Kumar, IFS, Dr. Vijayalakshmi Muralidhar, Hon. Secretary, Mahajana Education Society, Mysore, S. Anand Kumar, President, Mysuru Bar Association and Dr. C.K. Renukarya, Director, Pooja Bhagavath Memorial Mahajana Education Centre look on.

Mysuru, Apr.2- Senior Civil Judge and Member-Secretary of District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) B.P. Devamane, highlighting the importance of water and planting sapling, said that the community participation in protection of environment is very important.

He was speaking after inaugurating the "Legal Awareness Support" programme organised by the Department of Social Work, Pooja Bhagavath Memorial Mahajana Education Centre, in association with DLSA and Mysuru Bar Association in commemoration of World Water Day and International Women's Day, at its premises recently.

He also spoke about the laws meant for women who are in distress and the role of DLSA to protect women's interest by providing free legal aid and promote their worth and dignity.

Deputy Conservator Forests (DCF), Mysuru Division, Dr. K. C. Prashant Kumar explained about the theme for World Water Day 2019 as 'Leaving No One Behind.' This is an adaptation of the central promise of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, as sustainable development progresses, everyone must benefit.

Speaking at length about the problems of water scarcity in a country like India, he said there were several programmes and schemes to improve and protect the water bodies to revive water bodies in Karnataka; there was also a need for protective measures to save water as well as saving the sources of water in the forest. He further explained about inseparable relationship between forest and human beings as the supply of water source.

Dr. Prashant Kumar gave the example of Rajendra Singh, the Water Man of India and about Tharun Bharth Sangha and the way they worked for conserving water. He urged youths to take active role to protect environment and create an awareness of optimum utilisation of water.

Advocate N. Sundar Raj, briefed about "Property Rights of Women" and highlighted about a woman whether she is a daughter or a wife or a mother, deserves to get equal rights as her male counterpart. She should be treated with same respect and love as anyone else.

Most of the women in India give up their careers and spend their life as home-makers. Thus, it is not only necessary but a responsibility to make sure that they do not suffer financially, physically or emotionally in case of any tragedy, he said.

It is essential to safeguard Property Rights of Women to secure their life. She deserves equal share as her brother in the property of her parents and as her husband in the property of her in-laws, he added.

Bar Association President S. Anand Kumar spoke about the necessity of organising the programme and the significance of commemorating and celebrating World Water Day and International Women's Day.

Mahajana Education Society Hon. Secretary Dr. Vijayalakshmi Muralidhar, delivering the presidential address, spoke about simple solutions to save water and the importance of knowing law in modern world.

Pooja Bhagavath Memorial Mahajana Education Centre, Director Dr. C.K. Renukarya welcomed. Head of the Department of Social Work Dr. Suman K. Murty proposed a vote of thanks. D. Premajyothi, Assistant Professor, Department of Social Work, compered.

Students of Department of Computer Science U.M. Preethi and Poorna Sri sang the State Anthem in the beginning of the programme. Department of Social Work Assistant Professors Indushekar, V. Bhavana and PG Centre Department Heads, faculties and students were present.

EVENTS TODAY (APR.2)

- **Artz Gallery:** March Group Show (an art expo), Gallery premises, Gokulam, **up to 7 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** Discourse on 'Srimad Bhagavatha Dashama Skanda' by Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji, Ganapathy Ashrama premises, Mysuru-Ooty Road, **7 pm to 9 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APR.3)

- **Artz Gallery:** March Group Show (an art expo), Gallery premises, Gokulam, **11 am to 7 pm.**
- **DoS in Zoology, University of Mysore (UoM):** Farewell to Dr. H.N. Yajurvedi, who retired as Department Chairman, Department premises, **4 pm.**
- **Edin Synergy Global, Mysuru:** Discussion on 'One Vote for a better India,' Yaduveer Wadiyar speaks, keynote address by SVYM Founder Dr. R. Balasubramaniam, retd. Joint Labour Commissioner V.N. Hittanagi and SANRIA Engineering Global Head HR A.W. Haris resource persons, Hotel Sadesh The Prince, Nazarbad, **4.30 pm.**
- **Haridasa Sangeetha Sahityotsava Samiti:** Ganasiri Vedanta Lahari Part-5 programme entitled 'Ugadi Dasa Sambhrama,' Srimad Uttaradi Mutt Seer 1008 Sri Sathyathma Thirtha Sripadangalu inaugurates, **5.30 pm;** Dr. Vid. Be.Na. Vijayendracharya of Mysuru presents an innovative programme 'Sri Krishna Yenabarade,' Kalaburagi-based Vidwan Anantharaj Misthtri presents musical programme, **6 pm;** Sri Sathyatma Thirtha Sripadangalu delivers divine message, Sarada Vilas Centenary Hall, **7.30 pm and 8.30 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** Discourse on 'Srimad Bhagavatha Dashama Skanda' by Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda Swamiji, Ganapathy Ashrama premises, Mysuru-Ooty Road, **7 pm to 9 pm.**

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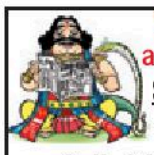

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